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1. A recent agreement was signed by Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia whereby Czechoslovakia was to furnish Yugoslavia with 3,000 "Skoda" and "Praga" trucks (of two to five-ton capacity) each carrying as its load a civilian motorcar ("Skoda", "Praga" or "Tatra"). In return, Yugoslavia was to send Czechoslovakia 3,000 old German and Italian trucks, loaded with grain.
2. The exchange began in early April 1948 and it is believed that the total number of trucks to be handed over by each party has now been increased to 5,000.
3. From the Yugoslav side, the exchange is being effected by forty picked drivers, all members of the Communist Party. These drivers, after leaving their old trucks at Bratislava, are taken by train to Prague where they collect Skoda vehicles for Yugoslavia.
4. The large majority of the trucks arriving from Czechoslovakia are consigned to the Ministry of Defense for the Yugoslav Army.

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